

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended is respectfully requested.

The specification is hereby amended to correct minor informalities regarding the numbering of figures. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

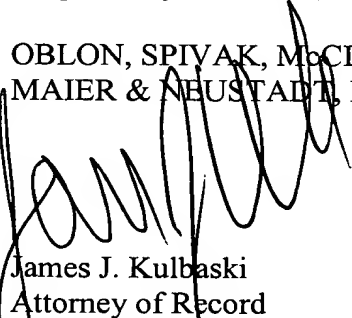
Finally, the attention of the Patent Office is directed to the change of address of Applicants' representative, effective January 6, 2003:

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